## Amendment No. 1 to SJR<u>0</u>685**Senate**

## | McNallyEducation Committee Amendment No. 1 | AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_ | FILED | | Date \_\_\_\_ | | Time \_\_\_\_ | | Clerk \_\_\_ | | Comm. Amdt. \_\_\_ | | Comm.

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by deleting all of the language and punctuation of the resolution, and by substituting instead the following:

A RESOLUTION to urge the State of Tennessee to provide adequate funding for alternative education programs in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, every local education agency that operates a secondary school, grades 7-12, is required to provide an alternative school or alternative school program; and

WHEREAS, every local education agency that operates an elementary school, grades 1-6, is authorized to provide an alternative school or alternative school program; and

WHEREAS, alternative schools and programs are a necessity to meet the special needs of a select number of students in a school system who have been referred to the alternative school due to a disciplinary action; and

WHEREAS, such students may not have received the benefits of proper social development or mastered the cognitive skills necessary to be successful in a regular classroom. Through attendance at an alternative school many students can return and succeed in their regular school; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to the success of this State's children, and hence its economy and the total welfare of its people, that all alternative schools and alternative school programs be available to meet the needs of students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this General Assembly expresses its unwavering support for alternative school programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Basic Education Program Review

Committee is urged to make a thorough review and assessment of the alternative
schools component in the BEP funding formula.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Education and the Executive Director of the State Board of Education.